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MEDIA

Los Angeles Times: Published story on Montrose: EPA begins testing air in homes near South Bay Superfund sites.

http://www.latimes.com/science/la-me-del-amo-20150309-story.html#page=1. SFUND. CLOSED. (v). Nahal Mogharabi.

Los Angeles Times: Sent reporter Tony Barboza a copy of the recent Exide NOV. Reporter may write about it. ENF. OPEN. (v). Nahal Mogharabi.

Riverside Press Enterprise: Reporter Alicia Robinson was looking to see if EPA received an official complaint about a property in Riverside known as the agricultural park and if we can send her the complaint. SFUND. OPEN. (v). Nahal Mogharabi.

AP (San Francisco): Reporter Ellen Knickmeyer called to ask about cyclic steam injection in Calif., responding to posted agenda for Calif. Senate hearing <u>tomorrow</u> on the UIC program and based on comments from Center for Biological Diversity re cyclic steam injection and fracking. Working with WTR to draft a statement with HQ input. WTR. OPEN. (v) Suzanne Skadowski

AP Reno: Reporter Scott Sonner has follow up questions regarding Newmont/Barrick Consent Decrees. Coordinating with ORC, ENF and NDEP: OPEN Contact: Margot Perez-Sullivan (v)

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WEB

Social Media:

Marine Debris – Posted to our <u>Twitter</u> and <u>Facebook</u> pages about the work we are doing on marine debris and linked to our <u>Trash Free Waters</u> page.

Web Updates:

Guam NPDES Permit Actions – Posted a link to the Federal Register notices, fact sheets and related documents for the Tristar Guam Agat Terminal, the Umatac - Merizo Wastewater Treatment Plant, the Tristar Guam F-1 Pier Terminal

and the Baza Gardens Sewage Treatment Plant proposed NPDES permits to the <u>Draft NPDES</u> <u>Permits page</u>.

Zero Waste in Las Vegas – Posted an additional photo page to the <u>Zero Waste in Las Vegas</u> <u>Media Center page</u>.

Federal Facilities – Posted updates to the contacts page in the <u>Superfund Federal Facilities</u> website.

NEPA Comments – Posted EPA comments on the Sacramento River Bank Protection DEIS to the NEPA Army Corps of Engineers page.

CONGRESSIONAL & INTERGOVERNMENTAL

Congressional Rail Safety Roundtable: EPA was invited to participate in a Rail Safety Roundtable on Tuesday, March 10th hosted by Congressman Mike Thompson, Congressman Mark DeSaulnier, and Congressman John Garamendi which is taking place in Martinez, CA. Superfund's Dan Meer will be EPA's representative at this roundtable. The agenda includes opening remarks by each Congressman followed by brief remarks of State and local elected officials and Agency representative statements about the role of your agency/department, and to point out any gaps or challenges in the transportation of crude by rail. The goal is to get a comprehensive picture and address any concerns or areas for improvement.

California State Senator Fran Pavley and State Senator Bob Wieckowski: Brent Maier shared a PDF of our outgoing response letters to the California State Senators invitation to RA Blumenfeld to participate in a hearing in Sacramento regarding California's implementation of the UIC Program. Also provided as an enclosure to these letters was a copy of a March 9, 2015 letter that EPA sent to Jonathan Bishop, Chief Deputy Director, California State Water Resources Control Board and Steven Bohlen, State Oil and Gas Supervisor, Division of Oil, Gas Geothermal Resources, California Department of Conservation regarding California's Class II Underground Injection Control program.

California Assembly Natural Resources Committee Staff Follow Up on UIC Audit Issue: Brent Maier shared responses from Water Division's David Albright to some follow up questions from Michael Jarred, California Assembly Natural Resources Committee Staff who had some specific questions regarding the EPA audit of California's Class II UIC program and whether there are there any instances of groundwater monitoring wells required for UIC wells.

Upcoming Hearings on Capitol Hill:

Wednesday, March 11th – Senate Environment and Public Works Committee - The Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works (SEPW) will hold a hearing on Wednesday, March 11, 2015 at 10:00 AM in Senate Dirksen 406 entitled, "Examining State Perspectives of the EPA's proposed carbon dioxide emissions rule for existing power Plants." The purpose of the hearing is to hear from state regulators responsible for compliance with the existing source proposal. Witnesses: Thomas Easterly, Commissioner, Indiana Department of Environmental Management; Director Todd Parfitt, Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality; Michael J. Myers, Chief, Affirmative Litigation Section, Environmental Protection Bureau, New York State Attorney General; Ellen Nowak, Chairperson, Public Service Commission of Wisconsin; and Mary D. Nichols, Chairman of the California Air Resources Board. Link to SEPW website where you can watch the hearing when broadcast:

http://www.epw.senate.gov/public/index.cfm?FuseAction=Hearings.Hearing&Hearing_ID=61944108-bc2d-d8b0-d90a-09d5b909d464

Upcoming EPA Budget Hearings:

Wednesday, March 18, 2015: Ken Kopocis, Office of Water and Mathy Stanislaus, OSWER will testify on the Wednesday, March 18th before the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment on the fiscal year 2016 EPA budget.

Wednesday, March 25, 2015: EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy will testify on Wednesday, March 25th before the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Interior, Environment and Public Works Administrator McCarthy will be the only witness and will discuss the fiscal year 2016 EPA budget.